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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Osamu KAWANOBE et al.

Title: DEVICE FOR AUTOMATICALLY CONTROLLING  
OPENING AND CLOSING OF A VEHICLE SLIDE DOOR

Appl. No.: 10/812,165

Filing Date: 03/30/2004

Examiner: G. Strimbu

Art Unit: 3634

**RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed November 29, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Group II, Claims 37-42, for examination on the merits.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the non-elected subject matter. Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Examiner Strimbu is invited to contact the undersigned if it is believed that a telephone interview will expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Dec 23, 2004

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